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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

REFS: PANAMA 5375

1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL, MINISTER BOYD TOLD ME HE PLANS TO GO TO NEW YORK TOMORROW (TUESDAY). IT IS CLEAR FROM THE CONTEXT OF OUR TALK THAT HE PLANS TO DO SOME SOUNDING OUT ON STRATEGY AND TACTICS REGARDING POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF A PANAMA ITEM TO THE AGENDA OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE WILL LEAVE AT THE END OF THE WEEK WITH AMBASSADOR ILLUECA TO AMSTERDAM AND THEN ON TO SRI LANKA.

2. I STRONGLY URGE THAT SENIOR OFFICER OF DEPARTMENT CONTACT BOYD DURING HIS NEW YORK VISIT TO DISCUSS FURTHER BOTH SRI LANKA AND UNGA AS WELL AS GENERAL US-PANAMA RELATIONS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. SOMEONE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF AND SENSITIVE TO TREATY NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN THESE CONTACTS WITH BOYD.

3. BOYD WILL BE TRAVELLING ON BRANIFF FLIGHT 976 ARRIVING NEW YORK ABOUT 6 P.M. USUN OR DEPARTMENT SHOULD ARRANGE FOR APPROPRIATE AIRPORT COURESIES. JORDEN

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